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SInce the very Mention of A New Discovery and A New Plot, is indeed A *New Stratagem* to impose upon the People, and by ingaging them in a counterfeit Devotion, for some pretended Deliverance, to draw from them the Price and value of a real notable Preservation, 'tis fit all men should be quickly informed, by what Arts these Impostors work, and how miraculously they can transforme the softest and gentlest Message of Peace, into the Mystery of Designe and Confusion, and how neare they are reconciled to their Fellow-servants, the Jesuites, when they publish the most tender and compassionate desire of Peace and Unity, to be a Conspiracy much worse, much more dangerous to the Kingdome, then that of the *Gun-powder-Treason*. These men have brought their Country into a very happy Condition, when the most proper and naturall Overture to preserve it,

it, is called, a Designe to destroy it. Such was the new Plot, for which the Assembly hath ordained such publique Thankes.

His Majesty (being advertised, that there was not that absolute and peremptory Aversion from Duty and Loyalty, nor that generall Transportment to those Courses of Ruine and Desolation in the City of *London*, which might be beleeved from their most visible Actions, but that, in Truth, they had a Desire of applying themselves to His Majesty, if they might receive any Assurance of finding so much Grace and mercy, as to have their Propositions and Submission admitted) was graciously pleased, notwithstanding all Discouragements by the Ingratitude and Insolence of their former Demeanour, to send a Letter under His Royall Hand, to the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Common-Councell of that City, to invite them to those publique Thoughts, which could only preserve themselves and the whole Kingdome. With this Letter of His Majesties, another was likewise sent by a Servant of His, to a Gentleman at *London*, from whose Confidence of so much Reason and Honesty in the City, the former from His Majesty was procured. When these two Letters are read, which are here exactly Printed, the Bottome of this Conspiracy is discovered, and if that tame Lethargique City, be not condemned to perpetuall Beggery and Desolation, they will quickly discerne who are the Conspirators, who have made so many Fatherlesse and Widdows amongst them, and will turne their Weapons upon those, who, at this time, compell them at their owne Charge, and with their owne Blood to fright away Peace, which can only repaire the miseries they have undergone.

A Copy of His Majesties Letter of *the second of* January, *to the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Common-Councell of the City of* London.

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TRusty and Well-beloved, We greet you well. When We remember the many Acts of Grace and Favour, We and Our Royall Predecessors have conferred upon that Our City of *London*, and the many Examples of Eminent Duty and Loyalty, for which that City hath been likewise famous, We are willing to beleeve, notwithstanding the great Defection We have found in that Place, That all men are not so farre degenerated from their Affection to Us, and to the Peace of the Kingdome, as to desire a Continuance of the miseries they now feele; And therefore, being informed, that there is a Desire in some Principall Persons of that City, to present a Petition to Us, which may tend to the

procuring a good understanding between Us, and that Our City, whereby the Peace of the whole Kingdome may be procured, We have thought fit to let you know, That We are ready to receive any such Petition, and the Persons, who shall be employed to present the same to Us, shall have a safe Conduct; And you shall assure all Our good Subjects of that Our City, whose Hearts are touched with any sence of Duty to Us, or of Love to the Religion and Lawes established, in the quiet and peaceable fruition whereof they and their Ancestors have enjoyed so great happinesse, That We have neither pass't any Act, nor made any Profession or Protestation for the maintenance and Defence of the true Protestant Religion, and the Liberty of the Subject, which We will not most strictly and religiously observe, and for the which We will not be alwayes ready to give them any Security can be devised. And of these Our Gratious Letters, We expect a speedy Answer from you. And so We bid you Farewell. *Given at Our Court at* OXFORD, *the 2 of* January, 1643.

To Our Trusty and Wellbeloved, the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Common-Counsell of Our City of London.

A Copy of a Letter from a Servant of His Majesties, to a Person in *London*, sent joynly with His Majesties Gracious Letter to the Lord *Mayor*, *Aldermen*, and *Common-Counsell* there.

SIR,

THe King and Queene have both commanded me to give you thankes in their names for your Care and Diligence in their service. And His Majesty hath so much Confidence in your Discretion and Wariness, not to be deluded, That in hopes of the good effects towards a happy Peace, Which you seeme to promise your self from this Negociation, His Majesty is pleased to descend very farre in writing so gratious a Letter to those who may seeme to have deserved so ill of Him. I send you here with a Copy of the Letter it selfe, which if you like and continue your Confidence that it may be effectuall to so blessed an end as Peace and Union, You are to deliver to those Parties, Seconded with Assurances of His Majesties most gracious & sincere Inclinations to give them full satisfaction in all their reasonable Desires; But if you shall find

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Cause to lessen the Beliefe you had of a very good effect by this Letter of His Majesties, It is then recommended unto your Discretion to forbeare the Delivery of it, for it would be a very unfit thing to expose so great a Grace and Condistending of His Majesty to hazards of being made frustrate and contemned. God send you happy Successe in this great undertaking, I professe it is that, my Beliefe and Reason goes along with more comfortably then with any thing that I have knowne proposed since these troubles, I shall adde no more but that I am

Oxford, January 2. 1643.

Your very affectionate
Friend to serve you

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